

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (amended) A topical composition comprising:
 - a) between about 0.00001% and about 0.5% w/w of at least one rigin-based tetrapeptide and about 0.00001% and about 1.0% w/w of at least one GHK-tripeptide, wherein said tripeptide is present in an amount that is greater than the amount of said tetrapeptide by % w/w and/or in said tripeptide and said tetrapeptide are acyl derivatives; and
 - b) at least one additional ingredient.
2. (cancelled)
3. (cancelled)
4. (previously presented) The topical composition of claim 1, wherein said tripeptide is present in an amount that is greater than the amount of said tetrapeptide by % w/w.
5. (cancelled)
6. (amended) The topical composition of claim ~~5~~1, wherein said tripeptide and said tetrapeptide are acyl derivatives.
7. (amended) The topical composition as in ~~any of claims 5 or 6~~claim 6, wherein said tetrapeptide is N-palmitoyl-Gly-Gln-Pro-Arg (SEQ ID NO: 3).
8. (amended) The topical composition as in claim 6, ~~any of claims 5 or 6~~ wherein said tripeptide is N-palmitoyl-Gly-His-Lys.
9. (cancelled)
10. (amended) The topical composition of claim ~~9~~1, wherein said at least one additional ingredient is a cleaning agent, hair conditioning agent, skin conditioning agent, hair styling agent, antidandruff agent, hair growth promoter, perfume, sunscreen, sunblock, pigment, moisturizer, film former, hair color, make-up agent, detergent, pharmaceutical, thickening agent, emulsifier, humectant, emollient, antiseptic agent, deodorant active, dermatologically acceptable carrier, surfactant, abrasive, absorbent, fragrance, coloring/colorant, essential oil, skin sensate, astringent, anti-acne agent, anti-caking agent, antifoaming agent, antimicrobial, antioxidant, binder, biological additive, enzyme, enzyme inhibitor, enzyme activator, coenzyme, botanical extract, ceramide, addition peptide, buffering agent, bulking agent, chelating agent,

cosmetic biocide, denaturant drug astringent, external analgesic, polymer, quat, substantivity increasing agent, opacifying agent, pH adjuster, propellant, reducing agent, sequestrant, skin bleaching and/or lightening agent, skin-conditioning agent, skin soothing and/or healing agent, aloe vera, pantothenic acid and derivative thereof, allantoin, bisabolol, dipotassium glycyrrhizinate, skin treating agent, thickener, vitamin and derivative thereof.

11. (previously presented) The composition of claim 10 further comprising a plurality of additional ingredients and wherein at least one of said additional ingredients is a dermatologically acceptable carrier.

12. (amended) The topical composition of claim ~~10~~ 11, ~~further comprising the~~ wherein said additional ingredients include rutin and Bowman Birk Inhibitor and a dermatologically acceptable carrier.

13. (amended) The topical composition of claim ~~10~~ 11, ~~further comprising the~~ wherein said additional ingredients include ~~berberine or chrysine and a~~ chelating agent, ~~and a~~ dermatologically acceptable carrier, and berberine or chrysine.

14-20. (cancelled)

21. (amended) The composition of claim ~~18~~ 6, wherein said acyl group is bound to the N-terminal end of at least one amino acid and is a straight-chain or branched-chain, long or short chain, saturated or unsaturated, substituted with one or more hydroxyl, amino, acyl amino, sulfate or sulfide groups or may be unsubstituted, and which can be derived from acetic acid, biotinic acid, capric acid, lauric acid, myristic acid, octanoic acid, palmitic acid, stearic acid, behenic acid, linoleic acid, linolenic acid, lipoic acid, oleic acid, isostearic acid, elaidic acid, 2-ethylhexanoic acid, coconut oil fatty acid, tallow fatty acid, hardened tallow fatty acid, palm kernel oil fatty acid, lanolin fatty acid or mixtures thereof.

22. (previously presented) The composition of claim 21 wherein said acyl group is an acetyl group, palmitoyl group, elaidoyl group, myristyl group, biotinyl group or octanoyl group.

23-31. (cancelled)

32. (previously presented) A method of reducing the visible signs of aging comprising: applying to skin in need of such treatment the composition of claim 1 to a portion of human skin showing signs of aging at least once a day for a period of time at least sufficient to provide a reduction in the visible signs of aging of that portion of human skin.

33. (cancelled)

34. (cancelled)

35. (previously presented) A method of reducing stretch marks comprising: applying to skin in need of such treatment the composition of claim 12 to a portion of human skin showing stretch marks at least once a day for a period of time at least sufficient to provide a reduction in the visible signs of stretch marks of that portion of human skin.

36. (cancelled)

37. (cancelled)

38. (previously presented) A method of reducing dark circles under the eyes comprising: applying to skin in need of such treatment the composition of claim 13 to a portion of human skin showing dark circles under the eyes at least once a day for a period of time at least sufficient to provide a reduction in the visible dark circles of that portion of human skin.

39. (cancelled)

40. (cancelled)